the centennial SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST

Dear Shoshone Enthusiast,

I am proud to serve as the 27th forest supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest and I look forward to working with you as we continue the journey to a revised forest plan. I realize this journey has been long and I appreciate your patience with the process. I want you to know that my planning team and I are committed to this process to develop a revised forest plan that maintains our ability to utilize the Shoshone's resources responsibly and sustainably, now and in the future.

The revised forest plan is a long-term investment in the future of your communities and the Shoshone National Forest. Working collaboratively will provide the greatest opportunity for us to consider diverse perspectives. Your input is critical in shaping an appropriate and balanced future for the Shoshone.

As employees on the first national forest, we inherit a long and proud tradition of "Caring for the Land and Serving People." We think the Shoshone is a special place, and we think you'll agree. Please join us in this important planning process.

To those who have participated in public meetings and to everyone who provided input to the revision process, I personally extend my thanks. Thank you for being involved, and for caring about the Shoshone National Forest.

Joe Alexander



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PUBLIC & COOPERATORS MEETINGS TOPICS

▶ ▶ Welcome and introductions

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▶ The revision process

1982 versus 2008 planning rules
Work to this point
How past comments were used
Tentative timeline for completion and steps to get there

▶ ► Scope of revision

What will and will not be decided in the revised forest plan and who makes the decision

Revision topics — discussion, suggested changes

▶ ► Social and economic assessments

How we study the social and economic effects of decisions Questions and discussion

▶ ▶ Development of a new planning rule

▶ Wrap-up

Future meetings

Topics of interest for future agendas, April meeting preview Follow-up items

Meeting evaluation (what you liked, what we could do better next time)

Next steps

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE GOVERNMENT COOPERATORS MEETING TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS.

CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING?

If you can't attend a public meeting and would like meeting materials or other information, please call the Supervisor's Office at 307.527.6241 and ask for a member of the revision planning team. We'll make sure you get what you need.

Information presented at meetings will be posted to the web at http://fs.usda.gov/shoshone/



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local planning libraries

At each Shoshone National Forest office in Cody, Dubois, and Lander, copies of revision-related documents and handouts from meetings will be available for you to browse and/or copy.

Office locations are listed below.

the mailing list

To be added to the mailing list for revision information:

- ► Send an email to <u>shoshone</u> <u>forestplan@fs.fed.us</u>
- ▶ Telephone Kelsey Pike at 307.578.5190 or Susie Douglas at 307.578.5114
- ▶ Write to Shoshone National Forest, Forest Plan Revision, 808 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY 82414

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electronic documents

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the web

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forest plan revision timeline



DEIS— Draft Environmental Impact Statement

FEIS— Final Environmental Impact Statement

ROD— Record of Decision

COMMENTS ON THE SEPTEMBER 2010 NOTICE OF INTENT

Thirty-three letters were received.

| Topic | Number of commenters |
|--|----------------------|
| Water and soil | 4 |
| Wildlife habitat | 10 |
| Climate change | 8 |
| Threatened, endangered, and sensitive species | 1 |
| Species of local concern | 1 |
| Fire/fuels | 1 |
| Insects and diseases | 1 |
| Invasive species (terrestrial and aquatic) | 2 |
| Air quality | 1 |
| Livestock grazing | 8 |
| Minerals | 9 |
| Recreation | 4 |
| Travelways (roads and trails) | 10 |
| Winter motorized travel | 5 |
| Winter non-motorized travel | 2 |
| Hunting | 1 |
| Special areas (research natural areas, wild and scenic rivers, roadless, wilderness, nationally recognized trails, and wilderness study areas) | 23 |
| Socio-economics | 1 |
| Planning process (revision and funding) | 6 |



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public & cooperators meetings february/march 2011

| Date | Town | Location | Notes |
|---------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Monday, February 28 | Cody | Big Horn Federal 1701 Stampede Ave | Public meeting 6-8 pm |
| Tuesday, March 1 | Dubois | Headwaters Art and Convention Center 17 Stalnaker | Public meeting 6-8 pm |
| Wednesday, March 2 | Lander | Monarch Hall (Pronghorn) 150 East Main | Public meeting 6-8 pm |
| Thursday, March 3 | Thermopolis | Big Horn Federal 643 Broadway | Cooperators meeting 10:00 am- 3:00 pm |
| Thursday, March 3 | Thermopolis | Big Horn Federal 643 Broadway | Public meeting 6-8 pm |